# ARTISTS AND THEIR WORK.

Unprecedented Interest Among New Yorkers in American Pictures.

The Water Colors at the Exhibition Found Ready Sale.

A Glauce at the Home Life of Some on the Bast Known Painters.

#### Women and the Woman Question in the Metropolis.

Special Letter.

PICTURES. NEW YORK, Feb. 7,-There has an unprecedented interest in American pictures taken persession of the New York public this year. At the artists' fund exhibition the amount of sales was \$16,000, and the water color exhibitions \$25,000. The Academy of Design, at their fall exhibition, sold \$20,000 worth of pictures, and at the spring exhibition, \$40,-000. These pictures are all the work of American artists, many of whom have studies

The water color exhibition is now open, and already many of the pictures have been sold, and orders for others left with the artists exhibiting. These water color exhibitions always attract crowds of people, and the pictures are preferred by many to oil paintings. Among

AMERICAN ARTISTS

who are celebrated for their water color pictures perhaps R. Swain Gifford justly takes the lead. Mr. Gifford was a pupil of Albert Van Beest, Holland, and contributes to the New York National Gallery of Design oil paintings, as well as to the water color ex-hibits. He lives in the Rembrandt building, and has as studio a sulter of rooms wherein are not only his paintings but many curious pieces of furniture and objects of virtu picked up in foreign travel. Opposite his room are those of Miss Georgina Campbell, who has lately taken apartments in the Rembrandt building, where, with her mother, she occu-ples a suite of rooms on the first floor, and has there her studio. Her noticeable pictures are portraits, which are so wonderfully well painted that they must be good likenesses, though one landscape on her casel is worthy of Giffird or Sinrtliffs. Miss Campbell is most agreeable and ladylike in manners, and has already made a place for herself in Herary New York seciety. On the second floor of the Rembrandt building Robert Herkheimer hava studio and a suite of rooms. In one his father arist works his wood, car ing the most beautiful pictures from wooden blocks, and in the other the son paints. His specialty is portraits, of which he has a number of speaking likenesses in his studio at present. Among them is a wonder-ful fac simile of the face and figure of White-law Reid, and another, equally good, of Chase, the celebrated artist, who also has a studio in this building.

Most of these artists are married and have

their families with them, and on reception days the vives, but not the children, are in the studies. Many of the wives are also good artists. All of them, Mrs. Shurtliffe says, but herself sketch, and they all accompany their husbands in their sketching tours. This outof-door life makes of them vigorous women, mentally as well as physically. Mr. Gifford replied to some one remark-ing on the healthy tone of his pictures, their life appearance—that a healthy way of living made correct pictures. Certainly both he and his pictures indicate that at least one man in New York lived with nature, and was not acquainted with dyspopsic.

THE REMBRANDT BUILDING is on Fifty-eighth street, west of Sixth avenue, next street south of Central park, It was erected by a party of artists avenue, next street south of Central park.
It was exceted by a party of artists
for the exclusive use of members of
that profession, and is owned by them. It is
a quaint looking building exteriorly, and
inside it is comfortable and convenient, with but little space devoted to halis. The one broad entrance hall has a flight of stairs running from it to the ten stories above. On cach landing are doors opening into apart-ments, two studies in each story, and on ariists' reception days the doors are wide en and the effect is very cheerful. An the building, and from the upper windows the view is as grand as from any other cleva-tion in the city. Here live William Sartain, B. Irwir, William Bally Fanon, Gifford, Herkheimer, Miss Campbell, and others well known in the artist world.

William Morgan is an Englishman by birth,

but a New Yorker since 1851. He is a most agreeable, genial gentleman, entirely devoted to his art, and paints the most attractive pictures because he paints from nature. Hi studio is in the Glenwood building Fifty seventh street, near Central park, and so high that it overlooks the tall houses in the inity and gives glimpses of both the Eas and Hudson rivers and a far down-town line Shurtliffe is an artist of great celeb

rity. His pictures in oil are mostly land-scapes painted from nature. Mr. Shurtliffe also has a studio in the Glenwood, and lives

there with his family, as well.

The Sherwood is an immensa brown stone pile on Fifty-eighth street near Sixth avenue, east from the Rembrandt, and was built by John M. Sherwood, esq., Mrs. Sherwood's (Annie Wilson that was of former Washington society days) husband. The building is some ten stories high, designed exclusvely for the occupancy of artists, and was attractive to them generally until the rental was raised to so high a price that only the most successful ones can now afford to live there. The entrance is quite imposing, and an ele-vator carries persons to all the halls, which run from one end of the building to the other, giving light and air on every story. On the first floor is a restaurant for those who wish, but it is not so well provided as to attract-perhaps an exceptionable peculiarity in this city where some cheap restaurants give good food, even though plain. SOROSIA

is the ladies' literary club. Its members are ladies of wealth and leisure, artists, physicians, teachers, preachers, book-makers, a few business women—all thinkers interested in any question of the day encouraging the intellectual, spiritual, and business advancement of women. "Women's rights" are never discussed as a "question" at Sorosia. The meetings are a mouthly business meeting where ings are a monthly business meeting, where members are present, and a monthly social meeting, where members may invite lady friends to lunch and after it enable them to hear papers read, and discussions on any questions which the president shall have designated at the previous business meeting. The meetings are always held at Delmonico's, on Fifth avenue and Twenty-fifth street, from the hour of noon to 4 or 5 o'clock. Once or twice every year there is an evening enter-tainment to which each lady invites one or more of her gentleman friends. New mem-bers are prepared at one business meeting by the president, to whom their names are given. answored for by two members, and voted for or against at the next meeting. Everything connected with the Sorosis is of the most decorous, business like, and agreeable char-acter. Mrs. Croly ("Jennie June") is presi-dent, and presides with pleasant dignity, and is a general favorite of all the members. To be a member of the Sorosis indicates a very respectable social position, and to be a favor-ite there, or to have literary status in the club, means success out of it, for the society are very proud of a member who shows brightness, and are united in efforts for the

On Monday Miss Dunn, of Indianapolis, the lady who so cunningly wears the women's suffrage question in her comic lecture of "Ezekinl's wife," and who was prominent in the woman's convention which lately sat a Washington, and Mrs. Caroline Wood, th anthoress, from Boston, were guests of Mrs. Croly's, at Scrosis. The subject under dis-cussion for the afternoon indirectly embraced

question was introduced in a neat little address from Mrs. Nieman, a petit German lady, who evidently had only theoretical information on the subject. Mrs. Armetia Smith, connected with the ethnological bureau at Washington, followed with a racy view of the subject, not any more conducive to the point than Mrs. Kyle Dallas's beautifully poetic side of the question. After all the theories had been advanced, Mrs. Cidly, in a few terse remarks, summed up the argument that "if women were spiritual by nature nothing would make them coarse, and the instinct of the sex was so in the side of demesticity that even a thorough business woman never forget or neglected her home duties." Mrs. Thomas, the woman farmer of New Jersey, then gave her practical experiences of a working woman. Her arguments were from her own duties, and as her language was refined and hor manner entirely the lady, the general opinion was that even manual labor did not necessarily make a woman coarse or unintellectual.

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One of the most pleasant episodes of Monday's meeting was the recial by Mrs. de La Matyr, a lady of wealth and fushion, much interested in the "questions" arising in Society of these plants. woman coarse or unintellectual. rosis, of a very elever poem written by her-self on the "Progress of Venus." If it can be obtained for publication the readers of THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN shall judge of its merits for themselves,

THE CHINESE population of this city celebrated their New Year on Feb. 6, and as there was no work done by them it was a fair opportunity to compare their behavior on their holidays with that of other foreigners on similar occasions. The morning papers do not report a single instance of arrest among them yesterday. On the con-trary, it has been remarked that they are the least turbulent of any people in the city on all occasions.

#### THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Receptions at the White House-Mrs. Gen. Sheridan's Visit-General Social Notes.

President Arthur will receive the senators and representatives, with the ladies of their families, on Tuesday evening. Feb. 13, from 8 to 10 o'clock.

Mrs. McElroy will hold a reception at the white house this afternoon from I to 5 o'clock. Her assistants on this occasion will be Mrs. Frelinghuysen, Mrs. Teller, Mrs. Totten, Mrs. McMichael, and Mrs. Rockwell.

The wife of Gen. Sheridan, who has been visiting her parents, Gen. and Mrs. Rucker, at their house on I street, for several weeks, has been the recipient of constant attentions during her stay. On Monday Mrs. Bayard gave a handsome lunch party in her honor, and on Thursday Mrs. Drum invited a num-ber of ladies for a breakfast party to meet

Mrs. Sheridan.

The residence of Secretary Chandler is another of the historic houses in Washington. It was built by Mrs. Cross, a daughter of Thomas Ritchic, of Richmond. Caleb Cushing was one of its distinguished tenants, and later Charles Sumner occupied it, taking his bride to this temporary home and spending his brief honeymoon there. For several years Mrs. Buell kept a fashionable school in the house, and since the place came into the possession of Secretary Chandler, it is knowing its most brilliant days. The addition of two large wings to the house this summer has greatly increased the accommodations, and rendered it one of the most spacious houses in that part of the city.

Mr. F. A. Moore and wife, who have been spending some time with their son, Leland, who is manager of the New Jersey Telephone company at Elizabeth, have returned to the

The continued ill health of Prof. Baird's wife has prevented her, and also their daughter, from making or returning calls during The family of the Hon. S. P. Rounds will

leave here on next Tuesday for Chicago, to be present at the marriage of their daughter to Mr. O. H. Rothacker, editor of the Denver Tribone, which occurs on the twenty-first of his month.

Miss Mollie, the daughter of the Hon. J. C.

Robinson, member of congress from Ohio, who has been seriously ill for several days at While not able to set up, as yet, the health of Mrs. Thomas S. Taylor, of 415 Fourth street, is very much improved.

Capt. J. B. White and daughter, of Fort Wayne, Ind., who have been spending a week in the city, left for the south yesterday morn-ing, intending to visit all the principal cities

ore returning to Indiana. Hon, S. P. Rounds, public printer, has been under the weather with a severe cold for several days, but is now able to give attention to his official duties.

# A CHILD'S PLEA.

#### And How it Touched the Hearts of the Pension Clerks.

The dull routine of pension office work was relieved the other day by a little touch of puthos, which shows that human sentiment will still flow in as limpid currents as ever when some strong hand smites the rock that conceals it. In one of the divisions of that office there is pending the claim of a poor widow, whose husband for many years was a gallant and faithful soldier. His record is a very meritoriou; one. His death left a mother and wislow in destitute circumstances, with a little girl to take care of. That little girl, now 11 years old, wrote a letter to her mother's attorney, which was read by him to the em-ployes of that division. Its simple, childlike, trusting appeal went straight to the hearts of its hearers, and they immediately raised a small sum of money for the artless writer, transmitting it to her by mail. Her letter

FORT McINTOSH, TEX., Jan. 21, 1883—Dear Sir:
'Mamma has been sick all winter, and could not earn any money, and we are so poor now. All her hopes are to hear from you whether you can do anything for us. We need it so much. Will you please answer? It seems so long since mamma you please answer? It seems so long since mamm sent papa's discharge to you. Yours truly, YINGINIA WRIGHT.

The letter sent by the employes of the divdon in answer to the child's simplicity and

islou in answer to the child's simplicity and faith was a fitting response:

Your pathetic letter to the attorney, appealing for help for your poor sick mother, when received and read in the pension office, to which it was referred, excited so muce sympathy for you in your far off home, that in a few minutes the inclosed was contributed with the instructions that it be sont at once. With it goes the best wishes of all who helped to make up this little offering. It is not much, but enough to prove to you that so touching an appeal from the child of so good a solider as your father is shown to have been, finds sympathizing hearts among those who were conradic with him in the defense of our country. That the doed of the widow and the fatherless will raise up friends for you, is the carnet prayers of the Contributors.

The little girl's father, William H. Wright.

The little girl's father, William H. Wright, erved throughout the war of the rebellion was in forty-two battles, several times was wounded, received three honorable discharges from the regular army, with honorable monion on all as a good and faithful soldier and an excellent noncommissioned officer. He collisted in the volunteer service in 1861, and after the war ended served in the regular

ARMY AND NAVY. Lient, De Hart, U. S. R. M., and J. C. Duane, U. A., are at the Ebbit.

The general court martial appointed to meet at vest Foint, N. Y., by Jan. 20, 1883, is dissolved, The United States steamship Powhatan, now at Beston, will start next week on a two months cruise in the West Indies.

Cupt, A. W. Johnson has been ordered to com-mand the Powhatan, relieving Capt. E. A. Mat-thews, who is placed on waiting orders.

Cape. Otho W. Budd, fourth cavelry, will be re-lieved from duty at the school of application for infantry and cavelry, Fort Leavenworth, Kans, and will proceed to join his troop. Capt. Marcus E. Taylor, assistant surgeon, is to eport in remon, at the expiration of his present cave of absence, to the commanding officer Da-rid's island, New York harbor, for duty at that

Lieut, James M. Plunket, to complete his record, honoradly discharged, upon tender of resigna-ion, to date Nov. 26, 1804, on secount of physical landility existing prior to his muster into service

The War department has been informed of the cussion for the afternoon indirectly embraced the capure of Capt Payle and his party of Oklabula colorists. Get, sherman states that he supposes the captives will be laken to Fort-Smith, and turned over to the eight authorities, more will set them at their y again, as has already been done on more than one occasion, tien. Sherman thinks that more stringent laws should be emarted for the punishment of this class of invaders.

Col. Ingersoll and the Court Discuss About Slop Bucket Evidence.

A Tilt Relative to Witnesses-The Stage of Conspiracy or No Conspiracy Reached.

In the star route trial vesterday morning Mr. Bliss continued the presentation of documentary evidence on the route from White river to Rawlins.

Walter C. Smith, of Rawlins, Wyoming Territory, a notary, testified that he had witnessed an affidavit made by the subcontractor,

affidavit was shown to the witness, and The attidavit was shown to the witness, and he declared that the figures denoting the number of men and animals required had been filled in after it had been sworn to.

Another paper put in by the government led Mr. Ingersoil to remark that the presention had found it necessary to change its theory with the introduction of every new

per. He said this case was a kind of slor cket into which everything was thrown and he had much rather furnish the slop than be the bucket to hold it.

The court replied that in trying criminal

cases it was necessary to have slop buckets. The admissible evidence, if it proves the crime, must turn out to be the slop bucket. Here in this world, where we are not angels, we must have this disagreeable evidence. The witness said that, in an interview with Per-kins and himself, Rerdell, while talking of the proposed increase of the service, said the letters were gotten up to file in the postoffice in justification of the increase. Senator Dorsey was one of them (the parties in interest), and had influence in the department (did not recollect whether or not Brady's name was mentioned); and that the route would certainly be increased.

On cross examination the witness said he understood from Rerdell's conversation that the contractors would get the increase whether it was necessary or unnecessary. Still, as far as he knew, the increase was honestly needed at that time, and the contents of the letter

Ingersoll produced the record of the preceding trial, and declared that the witness had changed his base of operations, and he now placed in a conversation with Rerdell statements that he then swore had been communicated to Eugene Taylor in a letter.

The prosecution objected to the manner of

nducting the cross examination, but they were overruled by the court.
The letter was then read by Mr. Ingersoll It informs Taylor that if he will get up and forward petitions to Washington before March 1, 1881, the writer (Rerdell) believed he can

cure increased service.

The witness did not admit that the letter ontained the substance of the interview with Mr. Bliss suddenly interrupting the exami-

nation, exclaimed that Mr. Ingersoll had been attributing to the witness testimony given by Taylor, another witness.
"What if I have," retorted Mr. Ingersoll, "he has already answered five or six of the questions, and it you had let me alone, I would have gone through Foot's testimony as

well." [Laughter,]

The witness said he had told no one at the preceding trial of the Rerdell interview. Could not remember to whom he first told the story. Had told it to Mr. Ker night be-

Mr. Ingersoll. "Where was it you had your "Mr. Ker (flushing angrily). "That is not a word counsel ought to use, and I object to it toward me."

Mr. Ingersoll. "I don't mean any harm by it; I just want to know where it was that they

A: At the department of Justice."

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Ar. Merrick objected to the questions that were not, he said, within the bounds of professional decency.

Mr. Ingersell. "I only wish to say that I decline to reply to any such speech as that."

The court said it was undoubtedly the duty

of a lawyer to examine his witnesses before they testified in courf, and it was not proper to ask the witnesses what they had said upon such examination.

The witness said Mr. Ker had learned; independently of witness, that Rerdeli had been

in Rawlins.

He asked witness if he had conversed with Rerdell on the occasion, and the witness re-

peated the conversation asked the witness if he thought it within his duty to approve an affidavit that might work harm to the government, and all that for 50 cents, too.

The witness answered that he knew it wa The witness answered that he knew it was within his power; his duty was merely to witness the oath, regardless of the contents. On redirect examination the witness said that in talking with Mr. Ker, he had not been asked to state anything that was untrue or to

ppress anything. John C. Davis, of Rawlins testified that he had been authorized to read Taylor's letters. After the receipt of Rerdell's letter witness circulated petitions for increase. He did that

because he was in the employ of the stage line company and wished to help them out. Charles F. Perkins, subcontractor, said the number of men and animals in the affidavit had been left blank in accordance with written instruction from Rerdell. 'He told me to do it, and I did it," said the witness. Rerdell told him the route would

increased, and at his request witness circu lated petition. He was an interested party and wanted three trips per week; didn' know what the people generally wanted, and didn't care whether or not they wanted the J. B. Adams testified that Taylor trans-

mitted Rerdell's letter to him, and he at-tempted to secure signatures to a pettion. He went up to the military post at 4 o'clock in morning, but only got two signatures, Good Lord?" exclaimed Mr. Inger

who would sign a petition before daybreak. James G. Rawlins, of Rawlins, said Rerdell told him they could get the increase; he mentioned the names of Brady and Dorsey that competent, your honor?" asked

Mr. Wilson. As against Rerdell it is offered," said Mr. The court. "We have reached that stage in

the proceedings where the question should be disposed of." Mr. Merrick, "I was about to suggest that,

The court then adjourned until Monday The question referred to by Judge Wylle was whether or not the existence of a con-spiracy has been made out sufficiently to admit evidence of the overt acts. When this matter is disposed of, it is the intention of the prosecution to place ex-Att'y Gen, Mc-Veagh on the stand.

# THE BAR PROTESTS.

Opposition to Pending Legislation to Increase the Powers of Corporations in the

A special meeting of the bar association of the District of Columbia was called for yesterday afternoon by the president, Martin Morris, esq. It was held at 3 o'clock p. m. in the rooms of the court in general term, Mr. Morris in the chair, Henry W. Garnett, esq., secre-tary. A larger attendance of members was tary. present than on any recent occasion. The attention of the association was called to the bills now in committee of the nouse of representatives authorizing cer-tain corporations to act as trustees, guard-ans, &c., without bond other than their capital. These bills have not yet been reported to the house, but are still in the hands of the committee. One of them provides for chang-ing the name of "The Real Estate Title urance company of the District of Colum-"which is an incorporated association, to "Real Estate and Trust company, &c.," and empowers it to set as trustee, guardian, executor, administrator, &c., without giving bonds in each individual case where its services are in each individual case where its services are held other than its capital. The second bill proposes to incorporate another company, with like powers and capacities. The senti-ment of the bar association was decidedly against the passage of these or any similar persist the passage of these of any annual pills. There was much discussion of the subject, and probably there were not more than one or two members present who did not earnestly protest against such proposed action on the part of congress. The association

A LIVELY DAY IN COURT. | finally adopted the following resolution with-

out a single dissenting vote:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this amociation the bills now pending in the neute and house of representatives authorizing the Title Insurance company of the District of Columbia to act as trustee, guardian, executor, administrator, &c., and to incorporate the National Frust company for like purposes, are observing to the best interests of the community, and that a committee be appointed by the chair to wait upon the committees having the same in charge and oppose their passage.

The chair at once appointed as said committee Messrs, Newton, B. S. Davis, Harry C. Davis, John Selden, and James H. Sa-ville. At 4:30 p. m. the association adjourned.

# MRS. SOUTHWORTH.

Some Misstatements in Regard to Her First Story Corrected. To the Editor.

There was recently copied into your columns Washington letter to the Philadelphia Press relating to Mrs. Southworth, the popular novelist, which was, in some respects, so unjust to that estimable lady that I trust you will allow me space sufficient for a few words in reply thereto.

The letter, though written in an evidently friendly spirit, contains many statements which could hardly have been made from personal knowledge, the first of which relates "to the tall spare woman" pointed out to the writer as Mrst. Southworth, as it is now nearly nine months since Mrs. Southworth has been in this city, her last visit having been during the latter part of May, 1882.

Mrs. Southworth, it may be remarked, is not "tall and spare," as described by the Press correspondent, being under the medium height ind weighing over 140 records. and weighing over 140 pounds. She does not dress in black, as stated by this writer, but, on the contrary, has a fondness for bright and cheerful colors, which are always conspicuous in her ordinary attire. Her first story was a model of good English, and not "crude and and of good English, and not "crude and ungrammatical," and requiring to be "fixed and changed, and cut and added to." The first part of this story was sent by the author to Dr. J. E. Snodgrass, editor of the Baltimore Saturday Visitor, and accepted, on condition that she would write the second part and the conclusion. That small commences onclusion. That small commencement er literary life made her fortune so far as it

over has been made.

The story of the bundle of manuscript which Mrs. Southworth is said to have taken from under her shawl in a bookstore of this from under her shawl in a bookstore of this city is, to say the least, slightly imaginary, as she has always written "from pen to printer" from the first half of her first story to the sixty-third serial, on which she is now engaged. "The little schoolhouse" alluded to is purely imaginary, as at the time alluded to such a structure as a schoolhouse was unknown in this city, the public and private schools being kept in the basements of churches or in private houses. This was more than thirty years ago, at which time Mrs. Southworth taught a small school in the lower portion of the house in which she relower portion of the house in which she re-sided, in that portion of the city now known as "South Washington."

as "South Washington."
Mrs. Southworth's first novel was entitled
"Retribution," and was written by request of
Dr. Bailey, editor of the National Era, an antilavery and literary newspaper, which he had irst established in this city, and of which John G. Whittier, the poet, was correspond-ing editor. This paper was remarkable from the first for its high toned literary character, some of the most noted writers of the day being contributors to its columns, including Harriet Beecher Stowe, the sisters, Alice and Phaebe Carey, John G. Whittier, William D. Gallagher, and many others scarcely less noted.

That the first novel of a young and comparatively unknown authoress like Mrs. Sonthworth should be deemed worthy of publication in a journal that numbers among its regular contributors some of the most rifted of American writers, is conclusive evidence that its literary merits were of no com-mon order. Its publication in the Era had the effect to augment the list of subscribers to that journal to a remarkable degree, and so great was its popularity that the publishing house of Harper & Bros., New York, purchased the copyright of the authoress soon after its completion, and included it in their fibrary of select novels; and it is said that more than 50,000 copies of it were sold that the conviction was transferred to the before the copyright was transferred to the Philadelphia publisher, who afterward issued her novels in uniform style and in permanent

hook form.

As I happend to be employed in the office of the National Era at the time Mrs. Southworth's story was in the course of publication, manuscript went to the printer week after

week precisely as it came from her pen.

Such statements as are contained in the letter to which I have alluded, must have a tendency to mar the true and simple story of the literary life of Mrs. Southworth, and it is therefore to be hoped that the journal in which it first appeared, as well as those in various portions of the country into whose columns it has been copied, will have the generosity to print at least so much of this communication as relates to the erroneous statements with which the said letter abounds.

# WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.

A THIEF SHOT.

Charles White Caught in the Act of Stealing in the Dressing Rooms of the Comique.

Last night about 9 o'clock a colored man named Charles White was shot while attempting to steal some satchels and other articles from the ladies' dressing room of the Theatre Comique. Special Officer Young entered the lressing room about the hour named and saw White in the act of packing up some satchels and other articles belonging to the ladies en-gaged at the comique. As soon as White saw that he was discovered he immediately dropped his load and disappeared through a large hole in the floor. Officer Young large hole in the floor. Officer Young and another employe gave chase, the officer firing two shots at the thief, one of them taking effect in the calf of his left leg. He was taken to the fifth pre-cinct and Dr. Markriter called in, who probed for the ball, but could not find it. White was then locked up. The man White had been in the employ of the Comique up to three months ago, during odd jobs, &c. After his discharge ne began to inaugurate a systematic series of ourglaries in the ladies dressing room. In committing these thefts he was compelled to ap the fence to the summer garden, and then ade through two feet of water to get beneath the dressing room, which he reached by a large hole made for the gas meter. Efforts have been made before to discover the thief, out he was not caught until last night. In his flight White dropped several articles in the water and slime beneath the theater which have not been recovered as yet. Italian Opera.

One week from Monday there will commence a season of Italian opera under the management of Col. Mapleson, during which the peerless Patti will be the principal at traction. Mme. Albani will also be of the company, and other eminent artists, and a full chorus will render efficient support. The ule of seats will' commence next Monday at Metzerott's.

John B. Gough.

On next Friday night Mr. John B. Gough will deliver his great lecture on "Circumstances," at Lincoln hall. The power of Mr. Gough's oratory is too well known to be de-scribed at length. Its charm is peculiar, and must be heard to be appreciated. This lecture of "Circumstances" is said to be his best.

The "Grizzly Adams" Combination. This organization will be the attraction a

the Theatre Comique next week. The play is said to be the best of the Builalo Bill, S Siceum, Frank Frayne, or "Nobody's Claim" dramas, being replete with thrilling situations, and the interest increasing with each scene until the denoument.

The Apollo Glee Club.

The concert of the Apollo club on Tuesday vening is likely to prove the amateur mu sical event of the season. No expense has been spared to make it worthy the high rep-utation of the club, and the varied excellence of the programs effered is ample evidence of the success of the concert,

THE BENCH SHOW.

#### Preparations for the Exhibition of Dogs-Special Prizes Offered. The beach show, which is to commence on

Puesday, the twentieth and last until the twenty-third, inclusive, at the Skating rink, promises to be a grand success. The managers are making entries every day, and almost all the available space is taken. It has been decided to offer \$1,000 in cash prizes, to a special purse contributed by merchants is to be offered for pet dogs owned by lady residents. There have already been eleven entries made by ladies, and many more will be made before Monday, which is the closing day for entries. One of the dogs to be exhibited by ladies was imported, and is valued at \$500. The Westminster Kennel club, of New York, will send their champion club, of New York, will send their champion dog "Sensation," who has taken more prizes on the bench than any other dog in America. They will also send "Emperor Fred," a recent importation, who took the prize at the crystal Palace show, in England. He is valued at £2,000. Mr. H. Bayley Harrison, of Tilsonburg, Canada, will send his "London," the champion of the fleld traits, also his "Belles Pride." A gentleman in Brooklyn will enter a direct descendant of "Master MeGrath," who is valued at \$15,000, and during the show he will be presented with a beautiful silver collar and wreath, when a prominent local resident will make the presentation speech. The judges for the when a prominent local resident will make the presentation speech. The judges for the show are Hon, John S. Wise, of Virginia, sot-ters and pointers; Mr. Charles H. Mason, ot England, Irish setters, spaniels, and hounds; and Mr. James Watson, of New York, St. Bernards, mastiffs, Newfoundlands, and all non-sporting dogs. The managers have de-cided that ladies who make entries will be allowed to take their does home with them allowed to take their dogs home with them after 10 o'clock each night. Every care will be taken of animals entered, and they will be well treated. The following is the special A. Messis, Tiffany & Co., jewelers, &c., of No

York city, offer a handsome silver cup, value 510, for the best pair of setters of any strain or pointers (regardless of ex. Entry fee, 55.

B. Messes, M. S. Smith & Co., jewelers, &c., of Detroit, Mich., offer a handsome silver cup, value 550, for the best collection of St. Bernards. Entry

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C. George C. Henning, esq., merchant and oportsmen's clothior, Washington, offers three prizes, as follows: One cordury shooting coat, value St., for the best English setter dog or bitch, which is Washington. Entry fee, St.

D. One seventy-six shooting locket, value \$10, for the best Irish setter dog, owned in Washington. Entry fee, St.

E. One cuck shooting coat, value \$4, for the best cocker spaniel. Entry free,

F. W. H. Cruttenden, esq., of Cazenovia, N. Y., offers one of Card's standard rotating traps, value \$10, for the best pointer dog or bitch. Entry fee, \$1.

G. Charles H. Mason, esq., Yonkers, N. Y., presents a very handsome Crystal palace medal, won by him in England; this to be awarded to the best dog or bitch in the classes Judged by Mr. Watson. Entry free.

H. B. H. Stinemetz, esq., hat and fur dealer,

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H. B. H. Stinemetz, esq., hat and fur dealer, offers a handsome silk umbreils, value \$10, for the best Scotch deerhound. Entry fee, £1.

I. Messrs, Timms & Co., clothiers, &c., Washington, offer one fine robe de chambre, value \$30, for the best English settler puppy, dog, or bitch, whelped subsequent to Jan. I, 1882, bred and owned in Washington. Entry fee, £1.

J. Messrs, J. U. O'Meara & Co., sporting baznar, Washington, offer one handsome ladies' toilet set, value \$25, for the best toy or ladies' pet dog, owned and exhibited by a lady residing in Washington. Entry fee, \$1.

K. H. Secoken, esq., jeweler, &c., Washington, offers a Vienna bronzo gilt nickel ladies' inkstand, value \$15, for the best Skye or Yorkshire terrier owned and entered by a lady residing in Washington. Entry fee, \$1.

L. Julius Lansburgh, esq., dealer in carpets, &c., Washington, offers one fine Turkish rug, value \$15 for the best English pug owned and entered by a lady residing in Washington. Entry fee, \$1.

M. Charles H. Mason, esq., Yonkers, N. Y., of-

rered by a lady residing in Washington. Entry for, 51.

M. Charles H. Mason, esq., Yonkers, N. Y., offers a silver cup for the best dog or bitch entered by a lady in the non-sporting classes. Entry free, N. C. A. Stevens, esq., agent Remington firearms, offers a gentleman's picule and a cigar case, value 55, for the best English setter dog or bitch that never won affrst prize. Entry free,

O. Messrs, Willett & Ruoff, hatters, of Washington, offer one pair gents sealskin driving gloves for the best Gordon setter dog or bitch. Entry free,
P. James Watson, esq., of New York city, offers a

ne best Gordon setter dog or bitch. Entry free, P. James Watson, esq., of New York city, offers a old mounted collar for the best bulldog. Entry

George W. Cochran, esq., cigar dealer, Washington, offers one box of cigars, value \$10, for best paniel, any 3reed. Entry, 50 cents.

R. Messrs, Tyssowski & Bros, gents' furnishing cods, Washington, offer one Russia leather glove and hendlerenher box for best Skye terrier which by a lady residing in Washington. Entry, 6 cents. 50 conts.

S. Coorad Becker, esq., harness manufacturer, of Washington, offers a tourist's traveling bag, value \$10, for the best pair of foxhounds, Entry, \$1.

T. B. W. Reed's Sons, fanoy groceries, &c., offers one case of claret wine for the best, setter or pointer dog or bitch owned in Washington. Entry free.

free.

"The St. Marc Hotel Cup."—H. OBowers, esq., proprietor of the St. Marc hotel, offers an elegant silver cup for the best Collie dog or bitch.

# Local Items.

Major Brock has directed the police officers to stop street begging and arrest all mendi-cants detected.

The Baltimore and Potomac freight depot,

on Maryland avenue southwest, is nearly completed. The railway sidlings are crowded with freight cars mostly with Cumberland A horse and buggy belonging to a Mr. Gwin became frightened yesterday afternoon

at a train on the Baltimore and Potomac rall-way, and dashed up Seventh street, but was finally stopped near Maryland avenue unin-At a meeting of the Registered Drug Clerks' ssociation last night sixteen active and twenty-one honorary members were elected. It was decided to take out articles of incorpora-

tion. Preparations for making the drug clerks' exchange national in its character were perfected. The new agricultural building, which will pletion.

The oyster boat Chief arrived yesterday with 700 bushels of Coan river oysters, Dealers report trade in oysters brisk. A new business office is being built at Bisoo's wharf, on Water street. Mr. J. H. Hillern, chief photographer of the

geological survey, is reproducing on glass the many photographs taken by the survey in their expedition though the west last sum-There is considerable drift wood in the

river, and men and boys in boats are out daily securing it as fuel.

Mr. Joseph Palmer, chief modeler of the Smithsonian institute, is busily engaged in preparing the United States' exhibit at the

coming international fish exhibition to be held at London in May next. Several stone workers are engaged in placing the coping on the stone wall in the

west capitol grounds. Malinda Allison, a colored woman of mas-ive frame, died suddenly in Slate alley, between Twelfth and Thirteenth and E and I streets, yesterday morning. She had drank quite freely the day before, although she worked hard washing. Coroner Patterson examined the bedy and found that the woman had died from congestion caused by drunkenness and exposure. Dr. Hartigan made an autopsy. The deceased had for sometime lived with a white man named John Swith barter known as English Johnsy.

Smith, better known as English Johnny, whom she supported. Robbery at the Rockville Postoffice.

A dispatch was received from Rockville last night by police headquarters notifying the police authorities that the postoffice, which is situated in a store kept by one of the leading citizens, was robbed yesterlay afternoon by two men who entered and took possession of the store. After ooking over some of the letters, which, nowever, they did not take, they bundled up some clothing and other articles and left.
Some men started in pursuit of them, but did
not catch them, and then sent the dispatch
to this city and Baltimore to look out for the
thieves. Both men are white.

# The Ragan Lectures.

The Ragan illustrated lectures begin on Monday evening with a serious of exhaustive views of "Paris, the Magnificent," and close on Wednesday, Feb. 21, with exhibitions of "Southern Spain and Morocco," These lectures are unique, both for illustration and description.

A drunken white man named O'Meara A drunken white man named O'Meara went into the restaurant kept by a man named Farron, and taking some seltzer bottles from the counter began smashing all the windows. This sort of amusement did not cats Farron,

and he ejected O'Mearn from his saloon where an officer was standing, and he was taken to the seventh precinct station, where a charge of destroying private property was lodged against him. He was subsequently released by paying for the damages he had

A DISAPPOINTING MENAGERIE.

#### There Was Neither a Skamgatibus, an Azimuth, Nor a Plipgoohly.

San Francisco Post. The other morning, while the urbane manager of Woodward's gardens was smoking a four-bit eigar and, meditatively listening to the muffled wails of a Tom cat that had just been swallowed alive by the big anaconda, a tall, thin, scientific-looking man, with a goates and blue glasses, entered the gate and remarked in an insinuating manner:

"Of course you pass the scientific frater-

nity ! Of course we do not," said the showman. "What, not the savants, not the pioneers in the great march of the mind into the hither-land of the infinite beyond?" returned the

professor, with great surprise.

"I will not decieve you," sarcastically replied the proprietor of the only salamander; "we pass nothing but the quills on the fretful porcupines—I mean the press. You can't see the ostridges unless you come down and put un."

"Dear me, dear me," sighed the scientist, reflectively. "To think that a professor ef cosmographic conchology should be denied admittance to a third class zoo! Has the skamgatibus been fed yet?"

"Skam—which?" asked the tiger im-'The skamgatibus. You've got one, haven't

you?"
"Y-e-s-s; I believe we've a small female somewheres," said the grizzly's friend, doubt-

"I never knew a first class collection to have less than two pair," said the professor, contemptuously. "How do your azimuths stand the cold weather, eh?"

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"Azimuths," asked the Napoleon aggregator of curiosities; "what's them? Some new kind of bird—you don't mean ostri—?"
"Ostridges be hanged!" said the successor of Darwin; "ostridges are nothing. I've shot more ostridges with quail shot than you've hair on your head. You don't actually mean to sit there and tell me you hav'nt a single azimuth to your back?"
"Don't believe I kave," admitted the alligator breader, mortified; "what are they like?"
"Oh, they're of the order spinalis piemotis."

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"Oh, they're of the order spinalis picmotis, about eight feet high. Fur peels off in the spring, you know—the Siberian species, I mean. I suppose you've got one of those rectangular African flipgochlies that reached New York the other day?"

"No, I'm darned if I did," said the much agitated showman. "Here I've been keeping an agent in New York on a big salary to look out for attractions and he doesn't catch on to the first blamed thing. Spends all our money on second hand panthers and kangaroos with the rhounatics. I'll bounce him by telegraph!"

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"Haven't even got a flipgoohly, eh?"

mused the scientist in a tone of great pity.

"And I shouldn't be surprised if you didn't have a golden-crested cuspidor in your whole show."
"Neither I have; neither I have," replied

the wretched promoter of pelicans, in a tone of great bitterness. "Spose you just step in, sir, and look round; mebbe there's something clse you could say—"
"N-n-o, I guess not," said the tall man.
"It would hardly pay me to spend so much valuable scientific time in a fourth class show like this. Not even an azimuth, ch? I should think you'd be afraid of actually better readed. ing mobbed some time. I'm sorry for you, my good man; sorry for you. I've no doubt you mean well, but—not a solitary skamgatibus? Great Scott!"

Real Estate. Deeds showing the following transfers of real estate were filed for record yesterday, as

shown by report to J. F. Olmstead:
On Twenty-third street west, 34 feet by 68 62-100 feet on L street north, sublots 19 and 20, square 52, and sublot 11, same square, George J. Johnson to Calvin Witmer, nominal.
Subl-4 29, square 113, A. E. F. Stewart's subdivision. Annie E. F. Stewart to Robert I. Fleming, 81,994.19. 1,994.19.
Lots 39 and 31, same square and subdivision as next above. Annie E. F. Stewart to Robert I. Fleming, 33,455.81.
Lot 37, square 113, same subdivision and state of the same subdivision and same subdivision.

streets north, south part of 10t 10, square 101 (25) feet front by 63 feet 9 inches), James B. Byram to William T. Walker, 8000.

On Eighth street west, between Rhode Island avonue and Q street north, sublot 6, square 420, (10 feet front by 95 feet), James S. Edwards et al., trustees, to Elizabeth J. Noonau, \$3,150.

On Second street west, between B and C streets north, sublot 21, reservation 11, Frank Wolfe to James E. Morgan, \$2,000.

On Sixth street west, between Q and R streets north, part of lot 6, square 477 (20 feet front by 93 feet 4½ inches), Henry Walter to Stephen Johnson, \$550. On I street north, between Ninth and Teath streets west, subjet 37, square 374 (I7 88-100 feet front by 69 875-1000 feet), also an undivided ½ of lot 90, square 375, on Grant street, Eizzabeth Heals et yir to John Wheeler Beale, nominal.

On Seventh street east, between H and I streets north, subjets 18 and 14, square 889 (38 feet front by 116 feet), Michael Joachim to Marie A. 80per, 81, 250.

# PERSONAL.

J. W. Hallis, of Boston, is at Willard's. Ballard Smith, of New York, is at the Riggs. George Alfred Townshend (Gath) is at Willard's. F. W. Hyde and wife, of Boston, are at the St.

George S. Winslow and wife, of Boston, are at Willard's. Hon. W. H. Barnum, of Connecticut, is at the Hon. D. S. Lynde, of Herman, N. Y., is at the James Lyall and John Strane, of New York, are at Willard's.

Hon. W. R. Holioway, of Indianapolis, Ind., is at the Ebbitt. Hon. Ben Eutterworth, representative from Ohio, is at the Ebbitt.

J. E. Searles and William Buchanan, of New York, are at Willard's. Mrs. John Lee and her charming daughter, of loston, are at Wormley's. Samuel Lord, of the firm of Lord & Taylor, of New York, is at the Ebbitt. Mr. and Mrs. William E. Allen, Honolulu, Sand-wich Islands, are at the Arlington.

Hen. Wm. C. Heath, Henry Woodruff, and A. H. Wilcox, of New York, are at the Ebbitt. Harrison Phoebus, proprietor of the Hygela hotel, Old Point Comfort, is at the Ebbitt. Gen. I. G. Scranton, of Rochester, N. Y., and Gen. J. Lawlor, of Michigan, are at the Ebbitt. Hons, H. Wiard, of Syracuse, N. Y., and J.D. Bradford, of Maryland, are at the Ebblit.

Alex. Kempt and wife, and J. T. Northam and wife, of Fiorence, Wis., are at the Ebbitt. Mr. John Williamson, of Louisville, Ky., was in the city yesterday, on his way to New York. Frank J. Allen, proprietor of the Astor house, of New York, accompanied by his wife and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Brown, are at Willard's. C. C. Brennen, of Louisville, Ky., a landscape painter, known to visitors of the Corcoran gallery, arrived yesterday, and will in a few days show some of his pictures. He stands in the first rank of American artists.

Mr. E. L. Townsend, of the Treasury department, who has for the past six months been traveling in Mexico and at the Hot Springs, Ark., in search of health, has returned to the city, unfortunately not greatly benefited by his trip.

H. A. Manning and wife, of New York; L. C. Smith and wife, of Syracuse, N. Y.; George C. Paraiss and wife, of Bergen, N. Y.; H. N. Coon and wife, of Williamsport, Pa.; and L. B. Walker and wife, of Minneapolis, are at the St. James hotel.

Edward Spalding and wife, Miss Katie M. Cole Norfolk, Va.; M. Bodine, Miss Bodine, New York H. P. Ward and wife, Iowa; Joseph Wheeler, Phili-adelphia; F. E. Codell, Cleveland, Ohio; H. Van Pracy, Salt Lake city; J. J. Gillespie, Boston, are at the Riggs.

A. C. Tufoury, Springfield, Mass.; W. L. Dewey, New York; P. Burnes, A. F. Brown, Syracuse, N. Y. D. Macks, New York; N. L. Marvin, Akron, Ohio; N. Dimond, North Carolina; E. P. Boyle, New York; A. L. Charles, Philadelphia, Pa., are at the St. James. George S. Wright, Jay D. Bausher, New York; R. P. Nevin, John C. Newmyer, Pittsburg, Pa.; J. Beid, New York; L. W. T. Waller, United States marines; Robert G. Bushnell, W. D. Thorn and wire, New York; D. W. Morgan, and J. W. Lee, Penusylvania, are at the Ebblit.